

CALFED OPERATIONS COORDINATION GROUP
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS

28 June 2006

1:00 – 4:00

Handouts:

1. CALFED OPS Meeting Agenda 28 June 2006
2. CALFED OPS Group Operations Briefing
3. Fry/Smolt Chinook Loss at the Delta Fish Facilities 12/1/2005 thru 6/25/2006
4. 2006 Mossdale Trawl unmarked Chinook

Announcements: None

SWRCB Activities

1. Water Transfer DWR to Westlands Water District (6 TAF) in route for signature.

On-Going Activities Related to the OPS Group

1. Status of Response Plans: Water Quality and Water Level Response Plans are Long Term Plans. Agencies still working on draft of Fishery Response Plan

Fishery Status:

1. Chinook: Main concern is Fall Run Chinook. Timing for VAMP was somewhat early for protection of salmon. There is a need to better predict the timing for VAMP in the future. Large numbers of carp reported. Splittail numbers at the export facilities started to decline.
2. Steelhead: Still reported at the salvage facilities. Salvage has surpassed last year's numbers.
3. Green Sturgeon: Workshop was held last month. NOAA Fisheries is compiling the outcomes for 4D Rule. July 20 Public Workshop will be held to gather information to develop a Recovery Plan.
4. Delta Smelt: 20 mm survey has not shown any Delta Smelt in the South Delta. All seem to be further to the West.

Work Group Activities:

1. DAT Update: Recommendation to WOMT to maintain reduced exports until the last week (6/20).
2. WOMT Update: Maintain for two more days then may go up to keep up with demand. A request was made for WOMT e-mails to include discussion with respect to what DAT recommended.
3. OFF: Dave Briggs has been working on agricultural drainage relocations and some water quality studies in South Delta.

Operations Status: SWP/CVP Operational Status Handout.

CVP: Keswick is down to 13,500 cfs. Goodwin is 1,200 cfs, and may reduce over next few weeks. Friant is still releasing 5,000 cfs. Trinity is slowly ramping down, currently at 2,550 cfs. Tracy operating 5 units. X2 met without additional actions and projects are in a good position for meeting outflows for July.

SWP Oroville storage is essentially full. Feather currently at 3,500 cfs. Delta still in excess condition.

EWA Update: CVP is entitled to ½ of any additional available capacity at SWP, but required response plans must be in place for JPOD.

Next Meeting July 26, 2006